

**North American Numbering Council
Conference Call Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2004 (Final)**

I. Time and Place of Meeting. The North American Numbering Council held a conference call meeting beginning at 2:30 PM and concluding at approximately 3:30 PM at the Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 3-B516, Washington, D. C. 20554. The Federal Communications Commission provided the conference bridge number, (888) 532-2096 for domestic participants and (904) 779-4760 for international participants.

II. List of Attendees. The following NANC members and alternates were present on the call:

Voting Council Members:

1. Robert Atkinson	Chairman
2. Teresa Gaugler	ALTS
3. Paul LaGattuta	AT&T
4. Randy Sanders	BellSouth
5. Michael Altschul	CTIA
6. Karen Mulberry	MCI
7. Peter Pescosolido	NARUC, Connecticut
8. Randolph Thoesen	NARUC – Iowa
9. Hon. Robert B. Nelson	NARUC - Michigan
10. Don Gray	NARUC - Nebraska
11. Christine Sealock Kelly	NARUC – New York
12. Natalie Billingsley	NASUCA - California
13. Beth O'Donnell	NCTA
14. Rosemary Emmer	Nextel
15. David Bench	Nortel Networks
16. John McHugh	OPASTCO
17. Matthew Adams	SBC Communications, Inc.
18. Hoke Knox	Sprint
19. Anna Miller	T-Mobile USA, Inc.
20. Thomas Soroka, Jr.	USTA
21. Michael O'Connor	Verizon

Special Members (Non-voting):

Amy Putnam	PA
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Commission Employees:

Sanford Williams, Designated Federal Officer (DFO)
Deborah Blue, Special Assistant to the DFO

Cheryl Callahan, Assistant Chief, Telecommunications Access Policy Division

III. Estimate of Public Attendance. Approximately 14 members of the public attended the meeting as observers.

IV. Documents Introduced.

- (1) Agenda
- (2) NANC Report and Recommendation on Intermodal Porting Intervals
- (3) Transmittal letter dated May 3, 2004 from Robert Atkinson to William Maher, Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, regarding Intermodal Porting Intervals

V. Summary of the Meeting.

A. Intermodal Porting Interval IMG (IMG). Hoke Knox, Sprint, presented the report to the Council. Mr. Knox stated that the FCC asked the NANC to provide modified LNP process flows for a shorter intermodal porting interval. He further stated that the IMG developed six proposal plans for the intermodal porting interval. Mr. Knox reviewed the Simple Port Confirmation and Activation process with the Council. He explained that the confirmation interval includes a port request and a port response. The activation interval is the time after a port response, and before port activation in the respective industry networks. Mr. Knox indicated that there were two confirmation proposals, three activation intervals, and a combination of those specifications for shortening the intervals. He reviewed each proposal, the IMG analysis, and additional considerations with the Council.

Mr. Knox stated that the IMG recommends that the LNPA-WG update the LNP process flows if the FCC issues an Order based on the IMG's conclusion to shorten the intermodal porting interval. This will ensure that the correct LNP process flows are adopted.

Mr. Knox stated that based on the proposals considered, the C2/A3 combination provides a shorter porting interval and the most economical approach to an intermodal porting interval. He further stated that the IMG considers the C2/A3 proposal the most promising and recommends that the NANC forward the NANC Report and Recommendation on Intermodal Porting Intervals to the FCC, and ask that the appropriate industry and regulatory bodies be given additional time to prepare a complete analysis of this alternative. Mr. Knox indicated that Section 10 titled "Further Considerations" identifies issues not addressed by the IMG. He stated that although some of these issues are being addressed by the LNPA-WG, Section 10 identifies additional issues that may impact the implementation of proposal C2/A3, and therefore, further analysis by Service Providers and State Regulators is warranted before a decision is made to implement C2/A3. Mr. Knox advised that this report has not been evaluated by the NANC's LNPA-WG and that the IMG did not attempt to determine if the C2/A3 proposal achieves the customer benefits desired by the FCC.

Chairman Atkinson thanked Mr. Knox and the members of the IMG for the tremendous amount of effort spent working on the IMG. Sanford Williams, DFO, echoed the same appreciation on behalf of the FCC. Mr. Knox expressed appreciation to the members of the IMG.

Mr. Castagna stated that the IMG would like the FCC to make a broad but not final decision, and then have some sort of a second round of detailed implementation work. He indicated that the IMG looked at the technical aspects and not the public policy or other aspects of shortening the porting interval.

Chairman Atkinson inquired how the FCC will implement the report. Cheryl Callahan, Assistant Chief, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, stated that the plan is to seek comment on the NANC recommendation and consider it with the other comments that the FCC receives on this issue.

Anna Miller, T-Mobile, USA, Inc., stated that from the wireless perspective of doing a standardized interface, she is more optimistic about the possibilities. She indicated that it is feasible that it can be achieved in a two-year time frame.

Mr. O'Connor suggested that the LNPA-WG begin to assess the more detailed technical aspects of what will be required with the C2/A3 proposal.

Robert Nelson, NARUC, Michigan, expressed hope that the FCC will address the issue of consumer benefits. He pointed out that the report only deals with the technical issues. Mr. Nelson questioned whether consideration was given to improving the forms that are currently used. Mr. Knox stated that the IMG discussed the possibility of a mechanized interface for all carriers. He indicated that the LNPA-WG can take into consideration the mechanized interface with a standard set of items that are on the port request and port response in both directions, so that it will have to be used by all carriers in shortening the porting interval.

Beth O'Donnell, Cox Communications, mentioned the issue of technology discrimination, i.e., carriers would be compelled to complete intermodal ports in a shorter period than wireline-wireline ports. She questioned whether there was a way to quantify the number of ports to which the decreased interval would apply because the recommendation is limited to simple ports – single line transfers that do not require any coordination with the porting out carrier and that flow through automated systems error free. Ms. O'Donnell stated certain types of carriers must coordinate every port, thus the costs of implementing any decreased interval would far outweigh the benefits.

After further discussion, there was a NANC consensus to forward the NANC Report and Recommendation on Intermodal Porting Intervals to the FCC. Chairman Atkinson stated that any further discussion will take place at the May 18, 2004 NANC meeting.

B. Public Participation. None.